

Rail Crisis Continues To Draw Media Attention

WASHINGTON, D.C. — NCGA's lead in pushing for prioritization of grain shipments by the nation's railroads continued to receive national media attention in December.

CNN and CNN Financial News broadcast a news story which was taped Dec. 18 at an elevator co-op in Shenandoah, Iowa. The story featured excerpts from interviews with NCGA President Ryland Utlaut

and Missouri Corn Growers Association President Charles Hurst and focused on some 150 million bushels of corn sitting on the ground as a result of inadequate rail transportation.

The story noted that, while farmers in the Midwest produced a near-record crop worth almost \$30 billion in 1997, farmers could end up losing more than \$100 million as a result of the systemic rail problems.

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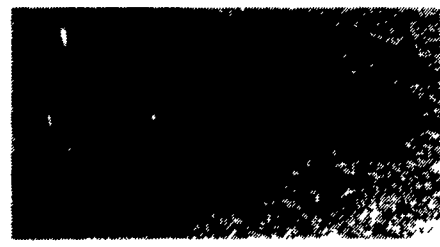
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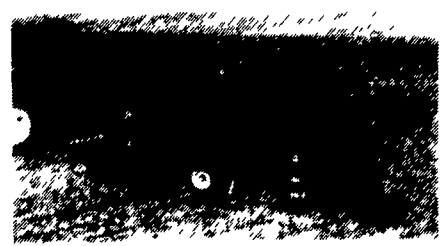
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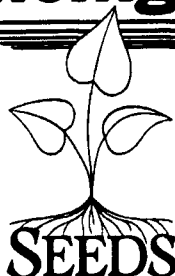
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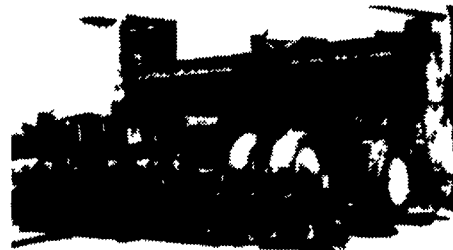
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